

MINUTES
Town of North
December 10, 2007
North Town Hall

Mayor Jeffcoat called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Present were Council members Drew, Binyard, Lane and Gleaton. Also in attendance were Mark Fallaw, Chief of Police, and Carrie Windham, Town Clerk.

Mayor Jeffcoat welcomed visitors.

Councilman Gleaton made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2007 meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Lane, and upon vote minutes were approved.

Public Comments:

Jamie Steele addressed council on the status of the Streetscape project. Four public meetings have been held, most everything optional has been decided on. We should hold one last public meeting some time in January, Jamie will give council at least one week's notice so it can be publicized.

Water/Sewer Report:

Mr. Jeffcoat presented the water / sewer report for October, 2007 (copy attached). Mr. Jeffcoat advised council of two SCRWA awards that were won: Water System of the Year and Water Operator of the Year. Mr. Jeffcoat made the reminder that we are under a voluntary water conservation request by the Governor of South Carolina. The Town is still providing water conservation tips to all customers coming into Town Hall.

Police Report:

Chief Fallaw reviewed the North Police report (copy attached). Chief Fallaw also noted that Sgt. Herlong received a grant of \$2,500 for a new radar. Councilwoman Lane requested that Chief Fallaw and Ms. Windham combine efforts to send "thank you" notes to the agencies that assisted with the capture of Terrence Summers.

Street Scape Report:

Old Business:

- o Jeffcoat reviewed the financial statement for November, 2007.
- o Jeffcoat gave an update on the status of the annexation. This process is much more difficult than originally thought, and the current petition has fallen short of the required 75%. We are looking at different options of getting this property annexed.

New Business:

- o Jeffcoat reported the Community of Character Trait for November is Courtesy. Jeffcoat also noted that he was glad to see the Orangeburg Community of Character organization participate in the Town of North's Christmas Parade.
- o Fire Ordinance Discussion – Councilwoman Lane read our current fire ordinance. She has received complaints from citizens who have respiratory diseases of citizens burning in Town limits. Councilwoman Lane asked the Police Department to check any fires that they are only yard debris and that they have the proper permit, and to issue warnings to citizens until the next meeting. Councilwoman Lane also asked Council to review the ordinance and consider whether or not a change would be appropriate.

Mayor's Report:

- Jeffcoat mentioned that citizens have inquired about the snowflakes that previously decorated the Town during the Holiday Season. Jeffcoat advised council that SCE&G took down the power poles that held the junction box which powered the lights. Also, the snowflakes need to be rewired and repainted. Hopefully the Town can get that remedied in the coming years.
- Jeffcoat noted that some members of the Election Committee have rotated off and will have new members rotating on.
- Jeffcoat also made the recommendation to Council that a 3 – 5 person Beautification Committee be appointed.

Public Comments:

A concerned citizen inquired as to the streetlight that used to illuminate the parking lot of the North Family Community School prior to the Highway 321 project. Mayor Jeffcoat said that SCE&G indicated that the street lights will be put back up.

A citizen expressed thanks to all who took part in preparing the town for the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Chief Fallaw announced that SOVA will host a meeting on January 10, 2008 at St. Marks United Methodist Church on Gang Awareness. The public is invited to register and attend.

There was discussion on the placement of the Town Clock. This will be discussed further in the near future.

There being no further business, Councilwoman Lane made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Binyard. Mayor Jeffcoat adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Reverend Wright closed the meeting in prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Windham

APPROVED: DECEMBER 10, 2007 MINUTES

Mayor Earl Jeffocat: _____

Council Members:

Paul Drew: _____

Rose Binyard: _____

Harriett Lane: _____

Aubrey Gleaton: _____